



Neurodevelopmental Centers

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The Department of Health supports 16 Neurodevelopmental Centers (NDCs) across the state. Thirteen centers are located in seven counties in western Washington and three centers are in three counties in eastern Washington. These centers are private, non-profit organizations that use a variety of funding sources to support their work. They provide much needed evaluation, diagnosis, coordinated treatment planning, and specialized therapies to children with developmental disabilities and a variety of special health care needs like Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and autism.

Mission/Purpose: Help children with special health care needs develop to their full potential by supporting NDCs. These centers provide quality, community-based, early intervention and specialized therapy services not available in other facilities in the state.

Target Population: Children with developmental disabilities and other special health care needs, birth to age 18. The centers served approximately 14,000 children in 2013; 58 percent were under age three.

Services

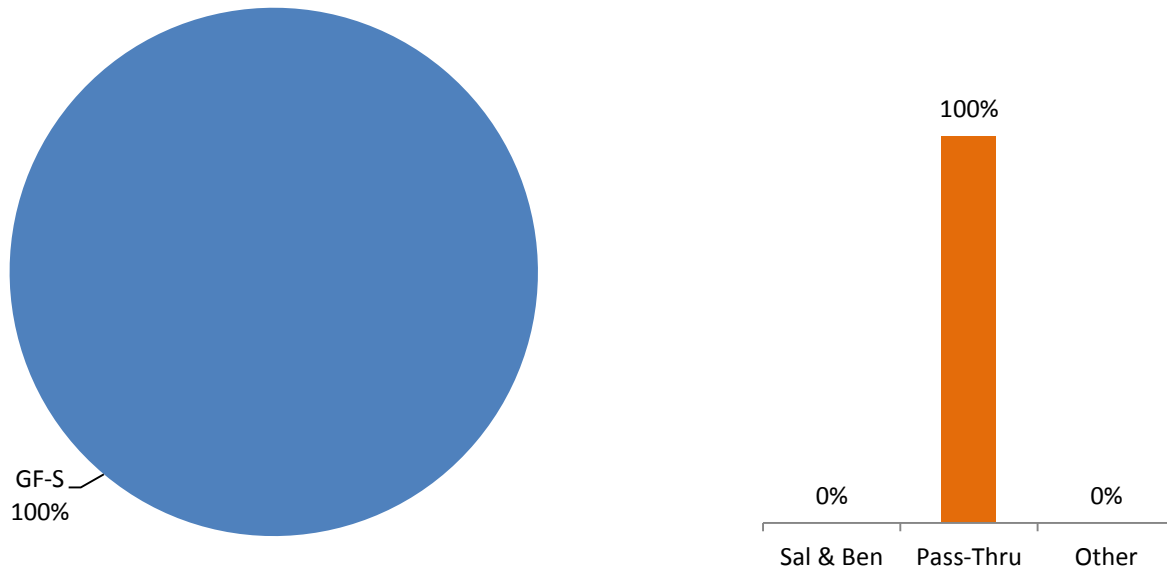
- Designation as a Neurodevelopmental Center by the agency allows the NDCs to bill Medicaid directly without going through managed care contracts.
- Centers provide data about the children they serve to the department through local health jurisdictions.
- The department uses the collected data to perform a required data match with Title XIX (Medicaid) and report to the federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant.
- Consistent agency funding is part of an interagency agreement with the Department of Early Learning.
- Funding allows the NDCs to offer additional, diverse services needed by the children and their families not covered by Medicaid and most private insurance.

Stakeholders

- Children who need specialized therapies and their families
- Nonprofit therapy centers
- Nonprofit hospitals
- Therapists
- School districts

2013-15 Biennium

Neurodevelopmental Centers Fiscal Information



	GF-S	Federal	Dedicated	Fees	Total	Sal & Ben	Pass-Thru	Other
Total	1,285,612	0	0	0	1,285,612		1,285,612	

Recent Funding History

2011-13 biennium:

- Ongoing reduction of \$300,000 GF-S per year to the centers.